

## STAFF REPORT

**To:** Housing and Community Development Committee  
**From:** Jeff Staudinger, Community Development Director  
**Date:** April 15, 2014  
**Subject:** Staff Report: Updates

Summary: Updates on matters overseen by the Housing and Community Development Committee

1. Housing Trust Fund Report
2. East of the Riverway Update
3. Eagle Market Place Update
4. HOME Funding Recommendations
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Housing Trust Fund: Reports attached.

### East of the Riverway

A well-attended public meeting was held on March 18 at the Dr Wesley Grant Southside Center. Staff felt that general community response to the presentations of the TIGER II deliverables was positive. Presentations continue. In the last month, the summary TIGER II Deliverables presentation was made by staff to the Multi-Modal Transportation Committee, the Riverfront Redevelopment Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The TIGER II grant was formally extended to June 30, 2014 by the Federal Transit Administration. The Gentrification Alternatives proposals are due April 11. Preliminary review will occur April 16. The RFQ for Final Design and Construction drawings for 14 Riverside Drive has not yet been distributed. Staff hope to get this out the week of April 14.

Staff has begun the work of preparing a TIGER application, which is due by April 28. This is project implementation funding. An interdepartmental team is working on the application. The focus is the RADTIP and connecting multi-modal and bike/ped improvements, including the Town Branch and Clingman Forest Greenways, the bike/ped path on the Duke Energy land on the west side of the river, and Livingston Street complete streets..

### Eagle Market Place

The Section 108 Amendment was approved by HUD- we received word today (April 9). HUD indicates that contract documents will follow soon. Construction of the foundation continues.

### HOME Funding Recommendations

Because we received more HUD HOME funds than anticipated, the Consortium met again to revise its funding recommendations. The revised Recommendations are attached.

### Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

In support of Goal #2 in the AHAC's annual policy recommendations, the Committee will develop an affordable housing education presentation, and seek to present that to appointed City Boards and Commissions. Pending the schedules of those groups, the Committee hopes to begin presentations in May. Selected Boards and Commissions include the Planning and Zoning Commission, Multi-Modal Transportation Commission, Neighborhood Advisory Committee, Riverfront Redevelopment Commission, Downtown Commission, Historic resources Commission and SACEE. Goal # 2 reads:

"The City of Asheville should increase density for affordable housing throughout the City, and should change land use regulations to encourage affordable housing in more zoning districts. All city boards and commissions should be tasked with developing policies, programs, and procedures that will increase density in our City to provide needed tax base and encourage more affordable housing. Existing density bonuses need to be preserved and enhanced. If density bonuses available under the UDO are not being used for affordable housing, we should find out why and fix any barriers."

### Personnel Update

I am now conducting interviews for the CD Analyst II position.

### Strategic Partnerships Grants Update

Strategic Partnerships Grants applications were not distributed last month, due to staffing changes here. They will be distributed this week, due on May 12, for consideration at your May 20 meeting.